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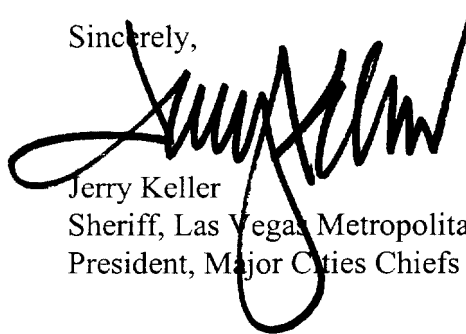
Ms. Magalie Roman Sallas
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Federal Communications Commission
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RE: W.T. DOCKET NO. ~~0032~~ *00-32*

Please find attached a resolution that was approved at our Major Cities Chiefs meeting held on June 8, 2000. We would appreciate this resolution being included as part of the record of subject docket.

I would further request that you distribute copies of the resolution to the Chairman, Commissioners, Chief Bryan Tramont of the Wireless Telecommunication Bureau and the current Chief of the Office of Engineering and Technology.

Sincerely,



Jerry Keller
Sheriff, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept.
President, Major Cities Chiefs

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**MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS
RESOLUTION
FCC DOCKET NO. WT 00-32**

Support for Allocation of Spectrum in the 4.9 GHz Band to Public Safety

- Whereas: In September of 1996, the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee (PSWAC) documented an additional spectrum requirement of 98 MHz to meet the communications needs of the public safety community; and
- Whereas: As of June of 2000, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has allocated 24 MHz of additional public safety spectrum, leaving a shortfall of 74 MHz yet to be addressed; and
- Whereas: Cellular users will have access to Third Generation multimedia wireless services, including high speed data and video; and
- Whereas: Public safety organizations in major cities routinely face criminals well equipped with the latest technologies available to consumers, including communications transmitting and monitoring devices; and
- Whereas: Public safety organizations in major cities have unique operational requirements and need their own dedicated next generation broadband wireless communications capabilities and associated spectrum to support those capabilities; and
- Whereas: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has identified 50 MHz of spectrum at 4.94 to 4.99 GHz available for reallocation; and
- Whereas: NTIA has indicated that incumbent Federal operations at 4.94 to 4.99 GHz band will be relocated to other segments of the 4.9 GHz band at no costs to new users; and
- SUPT. RICHARD J. PENNINGTON, NEW ORLEANS PD*
- Whereas: The FCC has initiated a proceeding (Docket WT00-32) to reallocate the 50 MHz of spectrum at 4.94 to 4.99 GHz; and

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- Whereas: The FCC proposal recognized potential interest of public safety organizations in the band, but instead proposed to auction the 50 MHz of spectrum for carrier based wireless services; and
- Whereas: No law exists which would prevent the FCC from allocation this spectrum for public safety use; and
- Therefore: **Be it Resolved** that the Major Cities Chiefs recommend that the Federal Communications Commission allocate the entire 50 MHz of spectrum at 4.94 to 4.99 GHz to public safety users for broadband wireless communications; and
- Therefore: **Be it Further Resolved** that the Major Cities Chiefs recommend that the Federal Communications Commission seek input from the public safety community to develop technical and operational rules which match user requirements; and
- Therefore: **Be it Further Resolved** that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the following FCC Commissioners:

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